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### **Accident Prevention:**

## **OSHA Tags Compliance Guide**

Hazard-alerting tags are an effective way to warn employees, contractors and visitors about existing hazards.

#### **Step 1: Choose the appropriate signal word (header)**

A header, or signal word, helps communicate both the severity and importance of your message. The signal word must be readable at a minimum distance of five feet or such greater distance as warranted by the hazard.

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DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.	<b>▲ DANGER</b>
WARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.	<b>△WARNING</b>
CAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided could result in minor or moderate injury.	<b>△CAUTION</b>
NOTICE	Indicates information considered important but not hazard-related.	NOTICE
SAFETY FIRST	Indicates specific safety related instructions or procedures that are related to safe work practices.	SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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#### Step 2: Choose the appropriate standard color

Accident Prevention tags use colors that are standardized

and easily recognized.

 White on Red identifies Danger, STOP, and Electric Power. Common applications include fire protection, emergency egress, emergency stop bars, electrical switches and electric power facilities.









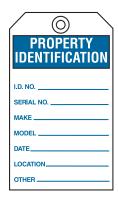
• Black on Orange identifies an immediate level of hazard – Warning. It is used to identify hazardous parts of machinery.





• Black on Yellow identifies Caution and can be used to alert against unsafe practices, identifying physical hazards and for personal protection messages.





 White on Blue is not associated with a specific hazard, but is typically used on policies and information.



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 White on Green identifies location of first aid, safety equipment and other general safety information.

# Step 3: Use proper risk level signal words to communicate your message clearly and concisely

- The signal word should be understandable to all employees who may be exposed to the identified standard
- Employees should be informed of the meaning of all tags used throughout the workplace and what special precautions are necessary.
- Pictographs can be used an alternative or adjunct method of communicating
  the tag's message may be used to enhance workplace safety by making
  it more easily understood than written text. Pictographs are particularly
  beneficial in workplaces where language barriers hinder an employee's
  ability to comprehend a written message.



The tag's major message should be presented in either pictographs, written text or both

#### Step 4: Affix tag(s)

 Affix tags as closely as possible to their respective hazards by means such as a string, wire or adhesive that will prevent its loss or unintentional removal.

